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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE (FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION)

Dear Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the final Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 3, 2008 (the "Office Action"). A Notice of Appeal (with a request for an extension of time) was filed on December 3, 2008. In lieu of an Appeal Brief, a request for an extension of time (through and including July 6, 2009, as July 3, 4, and 5, 2009, are a federal holiday, a Saturday, and a Sunday, respectively) and a Request for Continued Examination are being filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.